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1 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
2 PATENT DIVISION

3 **RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

4 Applicant: Doyle W. Eakin ) July 19, 2004  
5 Appl. No.: 10/656,714 )  
6 Filing Date: 09/04/2003 ) Attorney Docket No. RAR471.01  
7 Title: Plant Pot Drainage Tray ) Group Art Unit 3643  
8 ) Examiner: Valenti, Andrea M.

9 HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

10 In response to the communication from the Examiner dated February 18, 2004, the  
11 applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered pursuant to the provisions of  
12 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.115, and reconsideration of the amended application be considered in light  
13 of the following:

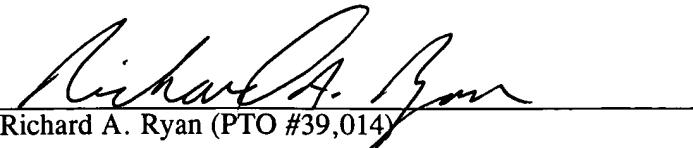
14 1. The Examiner's Office Action dated February 18, 2004, provided for a three (3)  
15 month shortened statutory period, which expired May 18, 2004. This response/amendment is being  
16 filed on July 19, 2004, which is believed to be within the two month extension period in which to file  
17 a response/amendment (July 18, 2004 being a Sunday and July 19, 2004 being the Monday  
18 immediately following). As a result, a two month extension fee of \$210.00 is included herewith for  
19 the two month extension of time for a small entity. If an additional extension of time is required,  
20 please consider this a petition therefor.

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25 date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop PETITION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box  
1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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1           2. The following materials are enclosed herewith to comply with the Revised  
2 Amendment Practice set forth in 37 CFR § 1.121:  
3           a. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page  
4 of this Response/Amendment.  
5           b. Remarks/arguments begin on page 8 of this Response/Amendment.

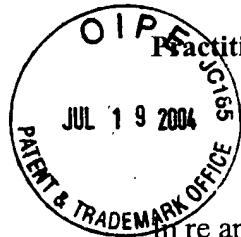
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7           Summary of Claims:

8           Kindly amend claims 1, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, and 19.

9           Kindly cancel claim 2.

10          Kindly add claim 21.



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Serial No.: 10/656,714

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Examiner: Valenti, Andrea M.

For: Plant Pot Drainage Tray

**Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is a small entity. A small entity statement was previously filed.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for two (2) months:

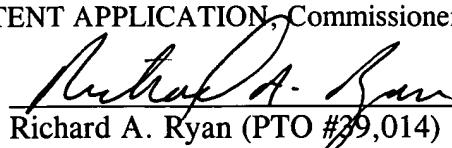
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## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

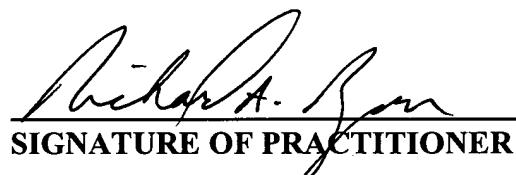
(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	NON-SMALL ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	
Total      20	Minus      20	= 0	x \$18 =	\$ 0	
Indep.      3	Minus      3	= 0	x \$86 =	\$ 0	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ \$290 =	\$ 0	
			Total		
			Addit. Fee	\$ 0	

## PAYMENT

5. A check in the amount of \$210.00 is included herewith.

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7/19/2004

  
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